

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4001**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Peter J. Durant***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the removal of the Director of Public Works in the town of Southbridge.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Peter J. Durant*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*6th Worcester*

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4001) of Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) that the town of Southbridge be authorized remove the director of public works in the same manner as other department heads in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the removal of the Director of Public Works in the town of Southbridge.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. The charter of the town of Southbridge, which is on file in the office of the  
2           archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is  
3           hereby amended by striking out section 6-1-4 and inserting in place thereof the following  
4           section:-

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6           Section 6-1-4: The director may be removed in the same manner as other department  
7           heads as provided by this charter.

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9           SECTION 2. Section 6-1-5 of said charter is hereby repealed.

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11 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 42C of chapter 54 of the General Laws, this act  
12 shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Southbridge in the form of the following question  
13 which shall be placed on the ballot at a regular or special town election to be held in the year  
14 2016:

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16 “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2016, entitled ‘An Act relative to  
17 the removal of the Director of Public Works in the town of Southbridge’ be accepted?”

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19 The town counsel of the town of Southbridge shall cause a fair and concise summary of  
20 the question to be included below the ballot question.

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22 If a majority of the votes cast in answer to this question are in the affirmative, this act  
23 shall take effect in the town of Southbridge, but not otherwise.

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25 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.